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of the
BOARD OF REGISTRATION IN PHARMACY
for the
Year ending June 30, 1950

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Department of Civil Service and Registration
Board of Registration in Pharmacy
Room 413, H. State House, Boston 33

June 30, 1950

Mr. William H. J. Rowan
Director of Registration
State House, Boston

Dear Mr. Rowan:

In compliance with statute, we herewith submit the Annual Report of the Board of Registration in Pharmacy for the fiscal year of 1950.

I believe that at the present time there is better enforcement of and compliance with all rules and regulations pertaining to the laws of Pharmacy than in any time in the history of the State. Closer scrutiny, regular checking, and inspection, because of the present trends and laws pertaining to Pharmacy, and because of the continuous development of new drugs and remedies in medical practice, is more essential probably than ever before.

When it is realized that 85% of the remedies now used in prescription compounding were practically unknown as combinations ten years ago, the vast strides and changes are readily evident. Pharmacists must be alert, up to date, and conscious of their responsibility in today's fast-moving world. Interpretation of various laws, leading sometimes to confusion and disagreement, tends to make it rather difficult for all concerned. The recent controversy, which is still raging throughout the entire country, illustrates this point. The added responsibility of both the Board of Pharmacy and of the inspectors of the Board requires alertness and a keen knowledge of laws, both State and Federal.

The integration of many fields which today ally themselves with Pharmacy, yet which lack proper supervision and definitely lack the absolute knowledge of drugs, medicines, and pharmaceuticals make it essential that the board and the inspectors broaden their supervision so that the splendid laws regulating pharmacy and health matters in our state be properly administered. It is a well known fact in the pharmaceutical profession that Massachusetts has long had the very finest laws pertaining to drugs, narcotics, hypnotics, and other allied pharmaceuticals that have existed anywhere; and, in fact, several phases of our laws have been adopted nationally.

Like many other professions, we are greatly concerned with the effect our defense program as well as the offensive of the United Nations will have on the Pharmacy of the future. During the past year our pharmacy schools and colleges graduated about 275 pharmacists. Of those examined, it has now been established that about 255 became licensed to practice in our state. However, of this number, it is also established that an average of 25% return to other states to practice and 25% enter allied professions other than retail pharmacy which would seem to indicate that a matter of 130 pharmacists were made available for retail pharmacy in Massachusetts. As our annual mortality, which includes retirements, deaths, illness, and other reasons for pharmacists leaving this profession has been established at 150 annually, our schools have a tremendous job indeed to educate sufficient pupils and to graduate enough students each year to keep up with the losses. In granting charters to two colleges within the last few years, our Legislature has indeed helped Pharmacy to a very marked extent, making facilities available that would otherwise be absolutely lacking.

Because our law provides that no person can compound or dispense drugs or medicines except a Registered Pharmacist, and this applies to all nurses, assistants, clerks, and even to doctors who are only permitted by law to dispense drugs to their own patients, the importance of a Registered Pharmacist is indeed genuine because no allied profession, naturally, has the knowledge and the ability to compound drugs, medicines, and prescriptions as has the Pharmacist.

The changes evident in the introductions of antibiotics, sulfa drugs, and preventative medicine occur so rapidly and are so numerous that in my estimation Pharmacy today is a major profession most necessary in aiding and preserving the health of the state and nation far more than ever before.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR LEGISLATION

The Board of Registration in Pharmacy has always been self-supporting, and the receipts from various fees have exceeded the expenses of the Board until the fiscal year ending June 30, 1950. The principal reason for this has been the enactment of the law requiring college of pharmacy graduation as a pre-requisite to examination for registration as a pharmacist. The amount of fees received, therefore, has been reduced.

The Board believes that the fee for drug store permit should be increased from the present \$5 to \$7, and the fee for annual re-registration from \$2 to \$3.

<u>John E. Leavack</u>	PRESIDENT
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BOARD OF REGISTRATION IN PHARMACY

FINANCIAL STATEMENT
Fiscal Year 1950

July 1, 1949 to June 30, 1950 inclusive

INCOME

Drug Store Permits.....	\$10,385.00
Certificates of Fitness.....	9,205.00
Wholesale Druggist's Licenses.....	840.00
Examination Fees.....	2,880.00
Annual Renewal of Personal Cert. of Registration...	10,198.00
Reinstatement Fees.....	785.00
Reciprocity Fees.....	175.00
Duplicate Certificates.....	120.00
Certified Statements.....	61.00
Total Net Receipts.....	\$34,649.00

EXPENSES

Agents' Services.....	\$15,480.00
Members' Services.....	5,160.00
Travel, Members and Agents.....	2,468.51
Travel, Accounts Payable.....	1,416.05
Office expenses from appropriation of Director of Registration.....	2,315.14
Office expenses, Accounts Payable.....	769.00
Stenographers' salaries.....	8,038.86
Total Expenses.....	\$35,647.56

Fred C. Hailer.

SECRETARY

BOARD OF REGISTRATION IN PHARMACY
Fiscal Year 1950
RECAPITULATION

No. of Meetings for hearings and assembling of markings.....	14
No. of Meetings held by the Board for examinations.....	<u>4</u>
TOTAL NUMBER OF MEETINGS.....	18

HEARINGS

On violation of the alcoholic beverage law.....	8
On Drug Store applications.....	35
On Certificate of Fitness applications.....	35
On reciprocity applications.....	10
On Duplicate certificate applications.....	22
On Wholesaler's applications.....	10
On applications for reinstatement as Reg. Pharmacists.....	15
On the violation of the Barbiturate Law.....	12
On the violation of the Narcotic Law.....	<u>1</u>
TOTAL NUMBER OF HEARINGS.....	148

RESULTS OF HEARINGS

Drug Store Permits suspended.....	12
Certificates of Fitness suspended.....	13
Certificates of Fitness refused.....	4
Certificates of Fitness revoked.....	2
Personal registrations suspended.....	12
Cases placed on file.....	1
Cases placed on probation.....	4
Applications of Wholesalers refused.....	4
Reciprocity applications refused.....	2

GENERAL INFORMATION

Number of Drug Stores.....	1894
No. of Drug Stores holding Certificates of Fitness.....	1680
Number of active Registered Pharmacists.....	4847
Number of active Assistant Registered Pharmacists.....	252
Number of Reinstatements of Registered Pharmacists.....	157
Number of Wholesale Druggist's Licenses issued.....	84

BOARD OF REGISTRATION IN PHARMACY

Fiscal Year 1950
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EXAMINATIONS FOR REGISTRATION AS PHARMACISTS

	Examined	Registered
October 25, 1949.....	33	14
December 29, 1949.....	20	10
June 8, 1950.....	124	124
June 27, 1950.....	<u>114</u>	<u>95</u>
TOTAL.....	291	243

REGISTERED BY MASSACHUSETTS THROUGH INTERSTATE RECIPROCITY

Maryland	1
Pennsylvania	1
Rhode Island	5
Texas	<u>1</u>
TOTAL.....	8

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